Sale of Drugs by their Generic Name

*263. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organisation has directed that the drugs should be sold by their generic name;

(b) whether Government subscribe to this directive and if so, the reasons for pharmaceutical companies selling the same drug under their own name; and

(c) the action Government propose to take curb this practice?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) There is no such direction from the World Health Organisation (WHO) that drugs should be sold by their generic names. However, the WHO has recommended that the generic names of drugs listed in the WHO Essential Drug List should be used wherever available and the prescriber should also be provided with the respective proprietary names.

(b) and (c) Government purchases drugs and pharmaceuticals, by and large, by generic name for use under the national Health Programmes, and in Government Hospitals. The Companies used brand names registered under the Trade and Merchandise Marks Act, 1958.

राजकोट रेलवे स्टेशन पर विश्राम-कक्षों का निर्माण

*264. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या राजकोट रेलवे स्टेशन पर अति विशिष्ट व्यक्तियों के लिए विश्राम-कक्षों का निर्माण करने के संबंध में निर्णय किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) इन विक्षाम-कक्षों का निर्माण कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जायेगा; और

(घ) निर्माण कार्य पर अनुमानतः कितनी लागत आयेगी?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश कलमाडी): (क) राजकोट स्टेशन पर अतिरिक्त विश्राम कक्षों की व्यवस्था करने का कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन नहीं है;

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Bid for take over of BHEL by MNCs

*265. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain multi-nationals had evinced interest to take over Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) either in part or as a whole;

(b) if so, the names of such multi-nationals;

(c) whether some outcome has been therefrom the move of multi-nationals;